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SUBJECT: RAYMOND INTERNATIONAL ANXIOUS TO HELP ON JIDDA PORT
CONGESTION PROBLEM

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1. U.S. ARMY PORT ADVISORY TEAM (PAT) HAS MADE SPECIFIC
RECOMMENDATIONS TO SAG REGARDING MANAGEMENT OF JIDDA PORT
INCLUDING: 24 HR WORK DAY, CLEARING UNCLAIMED GOODS,
PROHIBITING CARGO IN THE PORT AND INCREASING NUMBER
DOCK WORKERS. THIS BEING IMPLEMENTED NOW AND SECOND U.S.
ARMY PAT ABOUT TO ARRIVE AND CONTINUE ADVISORY ASSISTANCE.

2.
SERVICE IS BEING BROUGHT IN FOR WAREHOUSE MANAGEMENT, ONE
OF MAJOR FACTORS IN PORT CONGESTION. ALSO, SAG CONSIDERING
PROPOSAL FROM CARSON HELICOPTERS OF PERKASIE, PA. FOR OFF-
LIFTING 50,000 TONS PER MONTH FROM SHIP TO SHORE, OUT-
SIDE DOCK AREA.

3. WHILE RAYMOND INT'L MAY BE LATE FOR PARTICIPATION
IMMEDIATE MEASURES TO SOLVE PORT PROBLEMS, IT SHOULD BE
INFORMED THAT SAG FIVE-YEAR PLAN CALLS FOR CONSTRUCTION
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OF 20 MORE BERTHS AT PORT OF JIDDA. IN VIEW OF URGENCY

TO HAVE ADEQUATE PORT FACILITIES TO ENABLE HUGE DEVELOPMENT PLANS TO BE REALIZED, WE FELT THAT SAG WILL NOW CONCENTRATE ON SPEEDY IMPLEMENTATION PORT ENLARGEMENT PROJECT. NON TENDERS YET ISSUED BUT RAYMOND SHOULD SUBMIT PROPOSAL AND QUALIFICATIONS TO HIS EXCELLENCY MINISTER MOHAMMED OMAR TAWFIQ, MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS, RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA. COPIES, IF POSSIBLE, SHOULD BE SENT TO THE EMBASSY, OFFICE OF ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

4. FYI. A GREEK FIRM, ARCHIRODAN, OBTAINED A NONTRACT FOR BUILDING ONE ROLL-ON ROLL-OFF PIER AND A PIER FOR SMALL VESSELS EAST OF PIER 1 AT JIDDA RECENTLY. THIS, HOWEVER, IS OUTSIDE 5 YEAR PLAN PORT PROJECT.
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